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MINERAL WOOL PRODUCTION

METHOD

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed December 1, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-10 drawn to an alloy.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II and III, Claims 11-16, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.